

Introductory Comments

I. Overview of the Amendments to the Claims.

Claims 51-73 and 75 are pending in the application. Claims 51, 52, 54, 55, 57-60, 73, and 75 are amended without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 56, 61-72 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Amendment or cancellation of these claims is not intended to be an acquiescence in the Office's assessment of those claims in the Office action, mailed 27 March 2008, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to bring the subject matter of the original claims again in a subsequent, related application. New claims 76-87 are added by this amendment. After entry of the amendments, claims 51-55, 57-60, 73 and 75-87 are pending.

No additional claim fees are due because the number of claims after entry of this amendment is less than the number of claims for which payment has already been made. Applicants amendment mailed 9 June 2005 contained 25 claims in total. The presently amended claim set contains two independent claims with a total of 23 claims.

The amendments to the claims are presented herein below (after the signature page) in the section titled "Amendments to the Claims."

Support for the amendments to claims 51 and 52 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following locations: page 3, lines 8-19; page 4, lines 12-19; page 6, line 24, to page 7, line 21; page 9, line 25 to page 10, line 9; page 11, lines 13-24; and Abstract.

Support for the amendments to claim 54 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following locations: page 9, line 8-11; and page 15, line 9.

Support for the amendments to claim 55 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 7, lines 26-29.

Support for the amendments to claim 57 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following locations: page 7, lines 26-29; and Fig. 1.

Support for the amendments to claim 58 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 4, lines 25-26.

Support for the amendments to claim 59 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 15, line 26.

Support for the amendments to claim 60 can be found throughout the specification,

for example, at the following location: page 11, lines 6-12.

Support for the amendments to claim 73 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 10, lines 12-13.

Support for the amendments to claim 75 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 11, lines 6-12

Basis for new claim 76 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following locations: claim 54; page 9, line 8-11; page 15, line 9; and Fig. 3.

Basis for new claims 77 and 82 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 9, line 11.

Basis for new claims 78 and 83 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 11, line 19.

Basis for new claims 79 and 84 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 11, lines 18-23.

Basis for new claims 80 and 85 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 15, line 9.

Basis for new claims 81 and 86 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following location: page 15, lines 9-11.

Basis for new claim 87 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at the following locations: claim 59; and page 15, line 26.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added by way of this amendment and the entry thereof is respectfully requested.